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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending and Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for allowing claims 1 and 3.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gozzano (U.S. Patent No. 4,784,509). Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jureit et al. (U.S. Patent Nos. 3,427,005 and 3,305,252), and Terry (U.S. Patent No. 2,396,030).

Regarding Claim 2, Applicant has provided the following amendment to the claim which is supported in Figure 1 of the application:

2. ...a plurality of nails formed in the shape of a pin, said nails punching exterior to said angle on [[an]] one plate of the first anchorage body...

In comparison, Gozzano illustrates in Figure 1 and teaches at column 2, line 66 that "the spikes of plage 2 protrude from one of the two faces (indicated by 4 in the figure) in such a way as to be turned towards the interior of the angle formed by the latter." Accordingly, amending Claim 2 to recite that the nails are exterior to the angle is inapposite with Gozzao so that the rejection is overcome. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987) ("a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim" is found in the cited prior art reference).

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Regarding Claim 4, Applicant has cancelled the claim to obviate the rejection thereto.

Applicant has amended the specification in on page 1 to correct an error in the section title to the "Summary of the Invention" and to remove item (5) on page 7 so as to remove references to the claims in the specification.

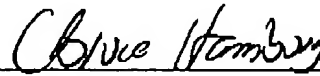
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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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